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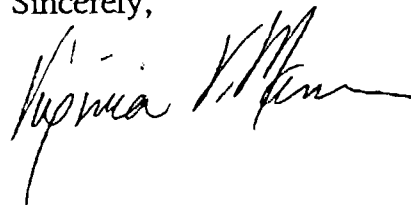
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I was pleased to hear that the Department of Justice had settled its ridiculous suit against Microsoft. Clearly, this lawsuit was politically driven and using our government and our laws in this fashion was unfortunate from the beginning. I am relieved to see this dispute resolved, although believe it should never have been brought in the first place.

Although Microsoft has agreed to the restrictions in this settlement, I believe it is unfortunate that our government has chosen to do anything less than completely dropping the case. Microsoft has done more to improve our efficient and effective communications than has any other company in history. They should be left alone to continue their fine work without further interference from our government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Virginia V. Mann", written in black ink.